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GLENDALÉ HELPS SPEAK OUT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Glendale, Ariz. — Domestic violence is the number one 911 call received in virtually every city and town across Arizona, and every three days an Arizonan loses her/his life as a result of domestic violence. Glendale has taken additional steps to raise awareness about the serious impact domestic violence crimes have on our community.

Glendale's City Court has teamed with the AVON Program for Women and Justice at O'Connor House to promote the "Speak Out Against Domestic Violence" campaign. This program was initiated through an Avon Foundation grant to encourage collaboration among policymakers, service providers, victims and the community to stop violence against women. The O'Connor House was founded in the name of former US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The goal of "Speak Out Against Domestic Violence" is to reach over one million Arizonans through campaign posters. These posters contain facts and information about domestic violence and include contact information for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Legal Advocacy Hotline and the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services. The AVON Program for Women and Justice at O'Connor House recommends these posters be hung in areas not frequented by men. The city of Glendale has hung 50 posters in women's restrooms at various City offices and agencies.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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“Domestic violence impacts the lives of nearly everyone. It could be you personally, a friend, a child or a coworker,” said Glendale City Court Presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn. “This program provides information about resources in the privacy of a restroom for those who may be or know someone in an abusive relationship. The posters also contain a QR code that allows someone using the application on a phone to access the website for more information.”

Judge Finn has been passionately working on domestic violence causes for more than three decades. She administers Arizona’s only specialized domestic violence treatment court operating without probation officer resources. Through her efforts, Glendale has been the recipient of \$1.5 million in federal grant funding to coordinate multi-agency responses to domestic violence issues. Judge Finn was a founding member and past Chair and member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence. She has served the Supreme Court in many domestic violence activities including being primary author of the Supreme Court's Benchbook on protective orders, chairing their protective orders forms' committee and developing Supreme Court Rules for Protective Orders.

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